

Tut. Tut. Mr Cook

JIM Cook should have been in Australia long enough to realise that if you throw a boomerang it is likely to whizz in a full circle and come back to hit the thrower.

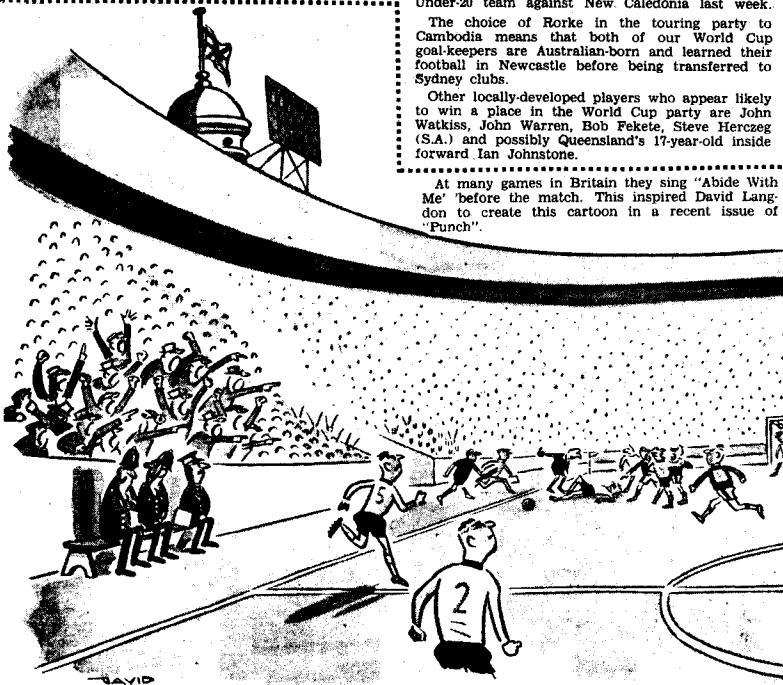
Mr. Cook has made a righteous outburst in which he takes a Sydney critic to task for having dared to suggest that several Victorian players were in line for World Cup selection.

In actual fact Australian coach Tiko Yelisavich made a special trip to Melbourne to watch these players in action — on official advice from Victoria — and discarded them simply because they were not good enough!

HERE is a young goal-keeper who is going to replace Sam Service in Australia's touring World Cup team to Cambodia.

His name is Bill Rorke and he is only 19 years of age.

This year Rorke played for the Bankstown second division club in Sydney and at the moment is considering offers to join glamour first division clubs Apia, St. George, Budapest and Pan Hellenic.



*"These were the self-same people
who were harmoniously Abiding With Me
just before kick-off."*

BACKGROUND TO SOCCER

But whether or not he joins Apia will depend upon whether Australia's other World Cup goal-keeper John Roberts goes ahead with plans to have a three-month trial with Chelsea.

Rorke has cancelled arrangements to go to England following the announcement that the matches were on in Cambodia and is now hoping to stay over in London after next July's World Cup finals — providing, of course, that Australia is successful against North Korea.

Rorke was the reserve goal-keeper for N.S.W. against Chelsea and he revealed extraordinary agility and anticipation while playing for an N.S.W. Under-20 team against New Caledonia last week.

The choice of Rorke in the touring party to Cambodia means that both of our World Cup goal-keepers are Australian-born and learned their football in Newcastle before being transferred to Sydney clubs.

Other locally-developed players who appear likely to win a place in the World Cup party are John Watkiss, John Warren, Bob Fekete, Steve Herczeg (S.A.) and possibly Queensland's 17-year-old inside forward Ian Johnstone.

At many games in Britain they sing "Abide With Me" before the match. This inspired David Langdon to create this cartoon in a recent issue of "Punch".

Morrie Buckner says...

AS expected, this queer business of round-robin quarter-finals has extended the Dockerty Cup series to such a degree the semi-finals and final will conflict with the Australia Cup competition.

The result is that the people who figure out the fixtures are in a bind on the problem of dates and grounds. The only ground available on a Saturday hereafter will be the No. 2 oval at Olympic Park. No. 1 oval may be available for a few Sundays yet.

But judging by what I have seen at the Park on the last few weekends, if the "season" is kept going much longer, the No. 1 oval will run out of grass and Soccer will run out of customers.

THE Soccer year 1965 began in the middle of January. Here we are in mid-October, with both the Victorian Cup finals to be played, and the national cup series yet to begin.

The interest of the spectators has fallen away to uneconomic levels, yet both the Victorian and the Australian Federations use every device they can think of to keep on extending the "season".

Preliminary rounds of the Australia Cup series have just begun. These and the quarter-finals will be played on a knockout basis. But, in their efforts to stretch the series as much as possible, Soccer's commissioners have decreed that the semi-finalists will play each other twice for aggregate points and goal percentage. The final will be played on the same basis, in two matches home-and-away.

This will extend the "season" to the end of November. With a few draws, the fixtures commissioners will be looking for dates and grounds in December. All this reaches the ultimate heights of absurdity.

My point is that, if you were to give the public the Royal Ballet for 6d. a time for 45 weeks a year, you'd damn soon run out of customers.

Soccer of our questionable grade, at 6/- a time, is rapidly running out of customers after 40 dreary weeks, too.

Even a horse will founder on too much green grass. When will these "promoters" wake up?

WHAT is the standard of the Australia Cup series likely to be when some of the top Melbourne and Sydney teams will have lost two and three and up to four star players to the national squad in preparation for the World Cup matches against North Korea in Cambodia next month.



For instance, Apia loses goalie John Roberts, full back Stan Ackerley, and halfback Pat Hughes. Slavia loses full back Nigel Shepherd and its entire half back line — John Auchie, Billy Cook, and John Duffy.

The series could be reduced to a low-grade shambles, even though we are not yet sure that North Korea will meet its commitment in Cambodia.

The quarter-finals, semi-finals, and final of the Australia Cup series should be deferred and played in the autumn as a night series in fairness to those teams who have been stripped of their players.

MENTION of Slavia in this connection reminds me that, in addition to its four representatives on the national squad, two more of its imports, Hammy McMeacham (now of Croatia) and Stan Ackerley (now of Apia) were also selected. Another who is worthy of selection but was passed over is right-winger David Short.

FOLLOWING the revelation last week that plans are afoot for a 12-city league in 1966 as a first step towards a full-scale national league, some Sydney club officials denied that their clubs are involved in any way.

A Melbourne club official told me that the president of a Sydney club was highly indignant. He not only said his club was not interested, but asked the Melbourne man: "Do you think we would leave our friends in the lurch?"

As far as I am concerned, the answer to that question is an emphatic "Yes!"

Firstly, there is no longer any such thing as friendship between the clubs. What is worse, they don't give a damn about any club but their own.

FRIENDSHIP IN SOCCER? DON'T MAKE ME LAUGH!

AUSTRALIAN CUP SIDES HIT

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a Sydney club is going to reach the final it will be the unlucky Budapest — but only because Warren appears likely to be their only loss on World Cup duty.

Two of the team's other key players Manfred Schaeffer and Dave Todd would appear to have lost any chance of gaining a place in the World Cup squad while other stars such as centre half Peter Banicevic and the Argentinian pair Hugo Rodriguez and Victor Fernandez are ineligible for selection.

"All clubs both in Victoria and N.S.W. must be fully aware that a competitive National League sub-committee has before it certain considerations for the establishment of a National League in 1967."

Members of the committee are Ben Nathan (N.S.W.), Ian Brusasco (Qld.), Vic Tuting (Tasmania), Tony Kovach (Victoria), Jim Connell (S.A.), John Gorton (Vic.), and McAndrew.

"I requested some five weeks ago for all of the States to put forward further points for the sub-committee to consider in regard to a National League," said McAndrew.

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"The only reply received so far has come from N.S.W."

"It is interesting after the report of last week that Victoria has not bothered to send any recommendations."

Coach Tiko Yelisavich declared after watching all of the top Victorian clubs in action that Slavia would be the hardest to beat in the Australia Cup and at full strength Apia would have been the team to beat in Sydney.

So you can see that a lot is going to depend on the depth of reserve strength possessed by these clubs and the same would apply to South Melbourne Helias.

I can't speak for the Victorian clubs but I can tell you that Apia is particularly well equipped to replace such key players as John Roberts, Pat Hughes, John Watkiss and Stan Ackerley.

Only a year ago Apia's reserve goal-keeper Adauto Iglesias played for Australia against Everton and George Nuttall would have been a certainty for the World Cup team if he had not lost his first team place to Ackerley following an injury.

Apia has a brilliant young wing half in David Muir standing by to replace Hughes while Lawson Bennett, who was a regular first team player before suffering a back injury midway through the season, would fill the vacancy created in the forward line by the loss of Watkiss.

Nuttall and Bennett proved that they are fully fit again by playing in the Apia team which gave a brilliant display in scoring a 5-2 victory over the New Caledonia's touring national team last Friday night.

South Coast are in a terrible mess both on and off the field and even though transfer listed Jim Kelly will still be with the team it is impossible to see it beating Apia.

Hakoah could be without key players in Alan Marnoch, Bob Fekete and Jim Christie as well as the inspiring presence of Yelisavich if the team manages to beat Pan Hellenic in the Federation Cup final.

And Pan Hellenic will be without its star forwards Roy Blitz and Jim Pearson if it manages to qualify by winning the Cup.

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THE TWO BIG CUPS

The 1965 Dockerty Cup competition is in its final stages. Croatia play J.U.S.T. at No. 2 Oval Olympic Park on Saturday in one semi-final and Slavia meet Hakoah in the other at a time and place to be fixed.

Who will contest the final? On paper it looks a good bet that it will be Slavia and Croatia. But J.U.S.T. are a hard team to beat and Hakoah, who have improved with changes, are likely to go flat out to prove this forecast wrong.

Croatia v. J.U.S.T.

You can bet the final result will not be a runaway win for either side. Man for man the teams are well matched in every department.

But overall, the more aggressive Croatia, who are the form book side, could get on top and enter the final.

Slavia v. Hakoah

Playing well without being

able to finish, Slavia could find Hakoah a hot handful. The Middle Park side are bound to click one of these days. They have had a long spell without being over impressive.

Slavia, with a bundle of talent and plenty of teamwork, are a test for the best and should go on for the second year in succession to the Dockerty Cup final.

He has three broken ribs.

The £3,000 Australia Cup kicks off at the weekend with Slavia playing the winner of the Juventus (Adelaide) v. Swan Athletic (Perth) in Adelaide on Friday night.

The game will be played at Olympic Park on Sunday.

And Slavia, with their array of individual talent, should account for anything either Juventus or Swans put up.

Slavia have four stars likely to represent Australia in the World Cup match against North Korea in Cambodia next month — Nigel Shepherd (full back), Billy Cook (centre half), John Duffy (half back), John Auchie (half back).

Ace forward Sandy Jones will lead the attack for Slavia. Young inside forward Bill Savage, who was injured against J.U.S.T. on Sunday, will be out of the side.

The winner will play Hellas in the quarter final the following week.

ON TOES

The visitors will have to be right on their toes to pierce this tough Slavia defence.

Slavia have proved in the past that they are hard to beat in a Cup match. Their strong array of British talent gives them the edge when the going is tough — and every player is capable of a sustained 90-minute effort.

The winner will play Hellas in the quarter final the following week.

DIRECT

Slavia team manager, John Oliphant, said last night that the Port Melbourne side would play the direct route-to-goal branch of Soccer that has held them in good stead in past matches.

He said that the club expected a big crowd of British supporters to follow the side in its Australia Cup matches this year.

"We will give the British fans the type of Soccer they are looking for in Australia," he said.

"Now that we have launched our campaign to attract British migrants to the club you can really expect big things from Slavia."

Slavia proved when they won the Australian Cup.

That Jones boy leads the attack

two years ago that determination and fighting spirit pays dividends in Cup matches.

That same determination can be expected in this year's Cup matches.

The Australian Soccer Federation announced this week that Canberra had been included in the Australia Cup competition.

The decision follows an appeal by Canberra against their exclusion when the original draw was made.

JIM COOK tips Juventus to beat Swan Athletic. Here's

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Lions centre-half Steve Walker leads Hakoah's Gerry Chaidi in the race for the ball at Olympic Park.

Pow! It's Jimmy's header

Lions centre forward Jim Bingham gets up high to head the ball clear of Hakoah's Ted Smith (left) Bill Rowley and Billy McIvor at Olympic Park at the weekend.



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Wilhelmina to set up junior camp

By JIM COOK

Wilhelmina Soccer Club boss John van Hoboken has drawn up a blueprint for a new set in his club next year.

And he's not aiming for the moon, like several other clubs. The scheme tends to go the other way.

Main aim of the scheme is to stabilize the club economy, build up playing strength on a long term policy with juniors and avoid the risk of financial suicide or possible oblivion.

No doubt the scheme will be knocked by some as a retrograde step, but as the proposals are designed solely for the Wilhelmina club its effects no one but them.

BORROWED TIME

Mr. Van Hoboken has obviously realised that unless the club can assure themselves each year of a steady and substantial income through a high league placing, or winning a major trophy or tournament, that an alternative must be sought to ensure they stay alive.

Personal subsidies and other income accrued from sources other than the turnstiles cannot continue indefinitely and invariably mean that a club in this category is living on borrowed time.

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Highlights in British Soccer LAST WEEKEND

Arsenal 2
Fulham 1

17 FANS ARRESTED

ARSENAL, now challenging the League leaders, are in their high-position since manager Billy Wright took over three years ago.

Yet when proud Billy went to see his team, he was shocked by the fact that Fulham could have snatched a deserved victory at the closing minutes when Arsenal were beaten.

Wright had told them at half-time not to take it easy. Sure enough, in the first half, when the score was 1-1, left back Billy McCullough sent a long pass up to winner George Armstrong from whom he received a goal and Joe Baker scored a winning goal between them.

Arsenal players reckoned the ball had been offside. Baker thought he did. Anyway, Baker it was who went into the records.

Left-back Edward and Baker both had chances but missed them.

In my view the men of the match were the defenders of both sides. Fulham centre-half John Dempsey played magnificently.

Right-back George Cohen

injected new life into Fulham's front line, coming after attack and linking with every-tiring winger John Key.

But no one finished off their moves and when Cohen was upfield no one covered for him.

For Arsenal full marks to wing-half Frank McLintock. I lost count of the Fulham attacks he foiled and the

THE midweek football riot of Rome had an ugly echo at three English grounds yesterday. Seventeen fans were arrested. Hooligans shattered windows at Old Trafford, twelve fans were ejected at Burnley, and there were battles between police and youths at Huddersfield

IN the World Cup those menacing Magyars are through to the finals. They beat East Germany 3-2 in Budapest and top their group with seven points from four games. France need only to draw their home game with Luxembourg to ensure a place. They beat Yugoslavia in a brawling game in Paris

Arsenal attacks ne

SHOCK GOAL

His pass laid on Jon Samuels' shock goal after after thirty-three minutes in the middle of the match. Fullham threatening to swamp Arsenal. He found another and grabbed the ball through from thirty yards.

Seven minutes later

Davenders and Terry Dyson

Dyson should have had another, but his shot hit the post.

This game had excitement and method. Arsenal obviously respected the Haynes-Robertson line by switching their attackers subdued

Terry Dyson on Fulham left back. In the twentieth minute he fell in a tackle on Samuels and fractured an ankle. "My studs stuck

In the ground," said Mealand. Mark Pearson took over as substitute, playing in the forward line with Brian O'Connell dropping back in the heated second half. The last half Bobby Keetch and his tackles looked fair enough.

Fulham had their chances but, like Arsenal, threw away so many. Yet they did deserve a point.

Swindon 0, Gillingham 1

PAYING their first visit to the country club for nearly nine years, Gillingham took both points in one of the poorest exhibitions seen there for a long time.

The only goal came in the 39th minute and was something of a tragedy for right-back Joe Butler.

There seemed no danger when the ball sliced from the Gillingham wing. But Butler, running to meet it, turned it into his own net.

CRAVEN, of Blackpool, hits the deck at Stamford Bridge last Saturday. But he still got his head to the ball ahead of Chelsea's Harris and Murray

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What hope has Interstate league?

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SAYS

FRED

VILLIERS

Let the leading State League clubs break away from the other clubs and run their own Interstate League.

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BUT after 12 months you can start hammering the nails into the coffin and bury the plans for this league just like we are now interring all plans for Soccer under its present set-up.

Never have so few had it so bad. In 1962, the Federation launched what looked like the best deal ever for Soccer in Victoria.

Today, when you look at the dwindling crowds and the shocking administration, you wonder how much longer it will last before a total collapse.

NOVELTY

A new Interstate league will be a novelty at first. It will attract a few more to some of the games and it will be big business again for most of the big clubs who are looking for an easy way out to get rich.

But with our present administration there can be little hope of success, even with the help of N.S.W. "brains".

State League chairman Kovach and his supporters have proved that they cannot bring back crowds. So now they call for support from over the border. It's a very poor way out.

Kovach told State League officials at a "secret meeting" that he had the support of Sydney's top officials. But is this so?

Jim Baytelli, one of the big shots in Sydney Soccer who knows most things that go on, said last week that he knew nothing of the proposed plans for an Interstate League between the top six clubs in Sydney and Melbourne. So who's kidding who?

TAKES TIME

I'd like to see an Interstate League in action, so would many other fans, but this is something that you can't plan in five minutes. John Gorton, V.S.F. deputy-chairman, hit the nail on the head with his statement in this newspaper last week.

He said any action taken in haste is bound to fail, and surely this idea of a 1966 Interstate League has been one of the quickest decisions ever made by the State League powers that be!

We all know the cure for Melbourne's sick Soccer today, all except those who run the game here.

Sir Stanley Rous, F.I.F.A.'s president, has


SAYS
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VILLIERS

What it's
about...

A secret meeting of top State League clubs announced last week that six teams — Hellas, Stavia, Hakoah, J.U.S.T., George Cross and Juventus — would break away to form an Interstate League.

Their move is aimed at drawing bigger crowds to Soccer. The other six State League clubs bitterly oppose the move.



All clubs must be protected!

SAYS

JIM
COOK

I'M in favour of a super league or any other well planned scheme which would boost the Soccer image in Australia and bring this country nearer in step with top class Soccer nations overseas.

But I emphasise straight from the kick-off, that unless this is done by constitutional and democratic methods any such scheme is surely doomed to failure before the first ball is kicked.

From reports I have read or heard, the suggestion that a Melbourne-Sydney super league could start next season almost kills the scheme for a start.

For the rights of all clubs must be protected in the interest of the game in general. And by a normal constitution at least one year's notice should be given of any impending changes in the set-ups.

No tactical manoeuvring or favoritism can be tolerated in deciding the six to go forward into such a scheme irrespective of the financial status or playing resources of the clubs.

The six to go forward should be the top six at the end of the normal league season and that's all there is about it!

Any club should have the right to decline if for valid reasons they were unable to meet the commitments of such a project.

Before such proposals can be implemented, satisfactory arrangements must be concluded for those clubs left out of a super league. And a worthwhile competition with normal incentives must be arranged to the mutual satisfaction of those who are in, and those who are out.

CHAOS AND DISASTER

In addition, unless the super league games and the normal State competition were arranged for alternate days, it would be chaos and disaster for all.

I have the highest respect for the so called "small clubs". Most officials have given a decade of service as well as ploughing considerable private means into building up and establishing their clubs in top-class Soccer in Victoria.

They must not be allowed to perish or fling into some two-bob competition just for the sake of a few aspiring clubs. At the same time, the tail cannot be allowed to wag the dog in the interests of Soccer progress.

Of course the proposals for this so-called super league have I believe been discussed officially for the first time by the Victorian Soccer Federation this week. So the whole show is still in its infancy.

It must get the blessing of both the Victorian and Australian Soccer Federation. The Sydney clubs, as far as reports go, know only what they have read in the national Press. Who knows they could refuse to be associated with the scheme or perhaps agree but in some modified manner.

The economics of such a scheme including costly air travel, possible demands from the players for higher wages, the availability of suitable grounds, and a hundred and one other factors, make the thing bristle with snags before it gets to the drawing board stage.

With virtually the same players taking part no improvement in the standard can be looked for and astronomical expenses will nullify any increase in gate revenue.

All in, the proposals have distinct possibilities but once again may have to be delayed for the simple reason that approval from the top won't be forthcoming.

And I rule out any possibility of a breakaway to make this a bogus competition.

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LONDON STORES

Edina the champs!

The Flinders Naval Depot six-a-side Tournament for 1965 was won by Edina last Saturday.

Haven't heard of Edina before? Well, Edina is an abbreviation for Edinburgh and was represented by six players from the George Cross Club.

Naturally all six were Scots — Archie Campbell, Tommy McPherson, Bobby Mayle, Jim McDaid, Brown and Grubb.

I understand the reason they didn't play under the name of George Cross was that the club would not allow team to enter in the tournament, presumably to avoid injuries due to the forthcoming Australia Cup.

POINTS

Edina won the final over Altona by 21 points to 5 points. The scoring being 4 points for a goal, and 1 point for a corner.

This was certainly a comfortable win, but a lot of credit should go to the Third Division club for reaching the final, as they defeated Sandringham, St. Albans, Moreland, and Croatia on the way.

They were represented by Billy Coles, Billy Lidell, Bill Wilkie, Walter Rosenwieg, Steve Herman and Ziggy Blaszczuk.

The game started with a bang when Brown scored for Edina after only 30 seconds, but within a minute Steve Herman equalised for Altona from a pass by Walter Rosenwieg.

After six minutes Tommy McPherson regained the lead for Edina with a solo effort when he cracked the ball home from 15 yards.

Altona gained a corner and the half-time scores were George Cross 8 points, Altona 5 points.

The second half was one way traffic with Archie Campbell and Bobby Mayle causing havoc in the Altona backline. Campbell scored twice and Mayle once to complete the scoring.

SHOCK

First shock of the tournament was the defeat of the holders Box Hill in the first round, although it must be said that they were under strength.

Coburg put up a good performance in reaching the semi's when they were defeated by Edina 11-0, but they had some consolation when they beat Croatia 10-9 in the losers Grand Final. Their team was—Crooks, Taylor, Bolton, Malcolm, Healy and Loughran.



Metropolitan round-up with Martyn Harris

Croydon relegated this year to the Fourth Division, were another team to cause surprises, when they reached the fourth round only to be defeated by the ultimate winners Edina by 18-1.

It was a most successful tournament and it is hoped that as much support will be given next year to enable it to be an annual event.

Congratulations to the organisers I/Lieut. Cdr. J. Belbin R.A.N., C.P.O.R. Oxley and their committee, also my personal thanks for the hospitality given to me during the day.

COMMENTS

I heard some adverse comments from Jim Cook on last Saturday night's Soccer Round-up on 3KZ where the scoring procedure in the six-a-side tournament.

Jim said that it was only in Australia that points were awarded in a game of Soccer.

Competition for Under 10's

The Under-10 competition for junior federations will take the form of a picnic match to be held at Healesville on Sunday, October 24, at 11 a.m.

Games will be played at Healesville Soccer Ground. Healesville Club will organise refreshments and a tour of the sanctuary.

The final will be played at Langwarrin on October 31 as a curtain-raiser to the South of Yarra Under-14's Western Suburbs match.

Interested teams should contact Ted Thornton, phone 783 2461 (day).

GAMES

WEEK-END GAMES

SATURDAY — Olympic Park No. 2 Oval 1.15 p.m. Armstrong Reserve Cup semi-final Hakoah v. Wilhelmina.

3.15 p.m. Dockerty Cup semi-final — J.U.S.T. v. Croatia.

SUNDAY — Olympic Park No. 1 Oval 1.15 p.m. Junior U-18 curtain raiser — Juventus v. Ardeer.

3.15 p.m. Australia Cup first round —

Slavia v. winner of Swan Athletic (Perth) v. Juventus (Adelaide) in South Australia tomorrow (Friday). Referee: Tony Boskovic (N.S.W.).

FIRST DIVISION

Moonee Ponds v. Macclesfield.

Kilmarnock are through to the second round of the European Cup after narrowly defeating Nandor of Albania on a 1-0 aggregate for the two legs.

Liable to pop up in any forward position and be a big threat to the Slavia

Now while I agree wholeheartedly with his other comments about the odd systems we have in Australia, I can't agree with him here. I've played with him here. I've played in many 6-a-side comps. in England and points have always been awarded for goals and corners.

The reason for this being that there is always a tight time schedule in these comps. and the games are so short that points are awarded for corners to avoid the necessity for replays.

Of course, things may have been different in Scotland, but it's certainly not an Australian idea or new in Soccer.

CLUB NEWS

Coburg hold an end-of-season trip to Sydney where they'll meet Granville.

Don't forget I can be contacted during the day at 63 9561, with any news items.

S.A. SIDE BEATS RICHMOND 2-1

Victoria, the Adelaide first division club, beat Richmond (second division) 2-1 at Schintler Reserve, Footscray, on Saturday.

The Adelaide club brought 110 supporters with them. Richmond's goal was scored from a penalty shot by Weiland.

Referee Lucas did a good job with the whistle.

DOCKERTY CUP GOALSCORERS

J.U.S.T. 1 (Morgan) d. Slavin; 0, Hakoah 2 (Rowley, O'Neill); d. Lions 0; Juventus 2 (Millar, Bell); d. Melbourne 1 (McCraig); Croatia 2 (Bot. Currie) d. Makedonia 0.

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First of course, they have to dispose of Juventus or Swan Athletic and I fancy from long-range reports that the South Australian side are firm favorites to win through and play Slavia.

TACTICIAN

Assuming this, and one cannot be certain, especially in Cup ties, Slavia could have their hands full with a Juventus side which is full of experience and has a few brilliant individuals.

Team coach and inside left, Mario Corti, is a master tactician and usually employs some semblance of a 4-2-4 style and the team's success relies to a large extent on their individual brilliance in midfield.

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LETTERS TO EDITOR

Sir — How right Morrie Buckner is when he says that the Soccer season is too long. In Victoria we should have only two competitions — the summer night comp. and the State League games. Some will say "what about the Dockerty Cup?" Well, seeing that it is no longer a knockout competition and it is always won by a State League club, it should be given to the team that finishes on top after the home and away league games.

What should replace the cup is a Final Four play-off which is successful in every code of football all over Australia.

The V.S.F. should wake up to the fact that they are losing money by giving the public a second State League in the form of the Dockerty Cup. — George Cross Fan, Sth. Yarra.

Sir,

To improve Soccer administration I suggest the present system of club delegates should be retained but the executive powers taken away from such Committee. An Executive Committee of 10 persons should be formed and to consist of persons from the legal, business, press, sporting (other than Soccer), welfare, management and persons from every walk of life in order to ensure a combination of knowledge and experience who will meet at regular intervals as the policy makers under the chairmanship of the chairman of the club delegates advisory committee.

Persons selected for the Executive Committee must be independent of any Soccer connections for at least three years prior to their appointment. They will thus be in a position to formulate policies, after taking into consideration recommendations made by the Club Delegates Advisory Committee, in a rational way.

Such a scheme would enable clubs to follow directives, plan the future and release from the burden of administration those individuals who would then be in a position to concentrate their efforts in running their own clubs.

— John Zammit, 84 Langton St., Glenroy, W.9.

defence is Steve Herczeg, the 22-year-old Hungarian-born player, who joined Juventus from Budapest (Adelaide) less than two years ago for nearly £2000.

Herczeg is fast and nippy with a powerful finishing shot and is included in Australia's World Cup squad.

Then Juventus have half Aboriginal star Johnny Moriarty who a couple of years back was tipped to go overseas to find soccer fame. And a highly-promising youngster who has found a regular place in the side is Joe Baggio who has represented the S.A. youth side.

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Sir — My club (Polonia) doesn't get enough games at Olympic Park. We want more publicity and must sell the game to the public. Add color for spectators before the match and during half time. Improve Olympic Park surface. — J. Panczyszyn, 67 Grace St., Springvale North.

Sir — Referees bring all the trouble because they do not do their job well. Players in Victoria play only for the money they receive. — C. Desna, 47 Mailey St., West Sunshine.

Sir — Change foreign names of clubs, this will stop most of the fights. Start the National League as soon as possible. Bad distribution of Saturday and Sunday games. Play the best games at Olympic Park on Sunday and the remaining games on Saturday. Another bad thing, when the Melbourne-Halligan game was on, four speeches were made in Greek over the loudspeaker. This must stop. Victoria's Soccer in general is run by the wrong people. Fighting must stop, the standard must improve fast. There is not enough publicity of the game. — Mr. and Mrs. Brouwer, 65 Alexandra Ave., Sth. Yarra.

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OUR TOP TEN IN CUP SQUAD

In the helter skelter race to get together a World Cup squad with the eventual selection of a side to meet North Korea in two qualifying ties, Victoria has come out well with 10 representatives.

This figure has surprised even the most super Victorian optimist.

Let's learn from footy

One of the most important contributions to Australian Rules football is that made by patrons to the Schools Promotion Fund.

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This contribution, although only a token amount per head, has provided £22,269 for season 1965.

It is by far the largest share of money available, having been supplemented by grants of £5,000 from Rothmans National Sport Foundation, £1,000 from the Shell Company of Australia and the sum of £1,680 rebated by the Australian National Football Council from V.F.L. contributions made in season 1964. Why can't this be done in Soccer?

Former Stoke, Aston Villa and Luton winger, Jimmy Adam of Hellas, is now almost fit again after his recent cartilage operation and will be fighting fit for a place in the Hellas night Soccer side. Jimmy only played a few games this season.

Birds of a feather! Lou Stratford and Joe Bartoli have a lot in common. They are both Maltese — both top grade referees and now they have come closer still with going into partnership in a furnishing business in St. Albans.



Lions goalkeeper John Gundalach leaps high to save in the match against Hakoah at the weekend.

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• Although former S.M. Hellas and Juventus coach Paddy Sloan is training Croatia, he is still carrying on with his duties as coach to St. Albans, who have earned promotion to Division One next season.

• Jacob Wekkeli, Richmond's top goalscorer this season became the proud father of a son on Saturday.

• Charles Hay and his Metro Disciplinary Committee aren't sorry the season is over for them. For they have dealt with 148 cases this season.

• I'm told that at two meetings of the Appeals Board in the past three weeks only one member turned up to each meeting and, therefore, without the quorum of three no business could be effected. Something radically wrong here especially when a Yallourn representative was summoned to both meetings and travelled all the way here and back without having heard!

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Return? Not on your life!

DON'T believe the gossip that Bill Thomas, a former Soccer Association chairman, is coming back to clean up the present administration mess.

Far from it. All the tea in China wouldn't bring him back.

It was rumoured on Sunday that a leading Federation executive member approached him to take an active part in the game again. But not one word of this is true.

However, an executive member did joke with him that he should come back into the game.

Bill said on Monday that he was now retired and the only entertainment he got from Soccer was watching games at Olympic Park and reading this newspaper every week!

• Emery Bihary, of Melbourne, has received a full Blue for Soccer at the University.

• Ted Thornton, of Langwarren All Stars, is organizing the Under 16 competition which starts next week. Two teams from Healesville will compete as well as many metropolitan teams.

• South of the Yarra Junior Federation hold their annual meeting at Hakoah Clubrooms on October 19. Pocket badges, pennants and trophies will be awarded to winning teams.

• J. H. Stephen tells me that next Saturday will be a big day in the life of Park Rangers' left half Peter Moran when he weds Miss Julie James, at Wesley Church. Last Saturday combined Park Rangers-Ansett ANA party was held for Peter when a wallet of notes was presented by host Jerry Ryan with the wish that Peter would be in "good hands all the way." I believe Julie is a cousin of Max and Graeme James, formerly of South Melbourne United. Peter has played 186 games for Park Rangers.

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- There is to be a cash award of £1,000 for the football manager who wins the title of "Britain's Top Manager" in this 1965-66 season.
- Westclox, the clock manufacturers, move into the field of Soccer sponsorship with a bright idea to recognise the merit of men who occupy the hottest of sports hotseats.
- They are going to pay £500 to the Top Manager among the 92 teams in the Football League.
- Victorian Roger Lamb will referee the Australia Cup game between Wallsend (Newcastle) and Hellenic (Brisbane) at Wentworth Park, Sydney, on Saturday at 3 p.m. The winner will play the winner of the St. George (N.S.W.) and Juventus (Canberra) teams.
- On duty in his capacity as a television news reporter at Olympic Park last Sunday, was former Test cricketer Ian Meech.
- Lions who are to play two games on October 23-24 in Adelaide, request that all first team players report for training on the normal nights. It'll be telling you more about their tour next week.
- Johnny Anderson, the Hellas half back or inside forward, probably would be the most experienced player in the Australian squad if he retains final selection. Johnny has played 70 top class games for Stoke City and has played alongside the Wizard of Dribble, Sir Stanley Matthews.
- Former J.U.S.T. centre and team coach Alex Jagodic, who moved to Yugoslavia, is returning soon to Yugoslavia.
- Seems that quick promotion to the George Cross first team is in store for reserve full back Lindsay Ireland who arrived from Scotland mid-way through this season. He is likely to take the place of suspended full back, John McDaid, in the club's Australian Cup ties.
- Box Hill hold their annual players' dinner in the Tower Hotel, Hawthorn, tomorrow night (Friday). Centre forward and team coach Peter Craig was not only the leading scorer for the club this season but he also had the most first team appearances.

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